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TOPIC Neudorf airfield, West of Oppeln (Opole)

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REFERENCES

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1. Between 15 April 1947 and 2 August 1951, single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, trapezoidal wings, single rudder assemblies, cigar-shaped underside of fuselage and pilot's cockpit rather far to the rear were observed over Oppeln (P 51/J 07). [redacted] 25X1
mid-July 1951, the aircraft came from Neudorf airfield, west of Oppeln.

2. The aircraft observed had the Polish national emblem. Day flying in formations of 2 to 6 planes was intensive in good weather. Firing at a sleeve target towed by a fighter of the same type was also practiced. The aircraft flew in V formation at altitudes of from 500 to 1,000 meters and individually fired at the sleeve target. The leading plane broke from the formation in a curve, attacked the sleeve target from the side and then resumed its place in the formation. Subsequently, the second plane repeated the same exercise. The approaches were repeated several times. Only short burst of fire were heard. No jet aircraft or other planes were observed.*

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- * [redacted] Comment: This [redacted] information confirms the assumption that a Polish unit is stationed in the Oppeln area. Since Neudorf airfield is the largest field in this area and the other fields further westward are occupied by Soviet units, it can be assumed that the aircraft observed over Oppeln are actually stationed at Neudorf airfield. It cannot be determined whether an air unit or a pilot school is located at Neudorf. The aircraft type could not be identified, but the planes possibly are Yak-9s.

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